

Time to Reflect

When we tell the Jesus story, we begin at his birth (Christmas), then tell of his ministry (miracles, parables, disciples, sermons), his death, Resurrection (Easter) and Ascension. In the same pattern, in the letter to the Colossians (see over) Paul seeks to plot out the Christian life, following Jesus. Last week (Colossians 2) he asked what being baptised into Jesus' death was all about, what our life, if we have "died with him" should look like. The week before, Paul placed Jesus' arrival in a Cosmic setting (sort of Christmas +). Today, in Colossians 3, he moves into the arena of the Ascension and asks how a Christian should inhabit the world if s/he is seeking "the things that are above".

Our first reading appears to be all about sex. Well, it is and it isn't. Paul is concerned about sex, but only in the cultural context of his day. The celebration of hedonism, of pleasure for pleasure's sake, was a major unpinning of social life. And that extended beyond the physical body to a culture of mindless consumerism, a forgetfulness of our human task of being good stewards of God's creation (see Genesis 1). For Paul, to be "in Christ", to be baptised, was to stand apart from what the world took to be OK and to ask what it is that God wants us to do.

So what does the life of an "Ascended" Christian look like for Paul? The clue is found in the last verse (Col 3.11). Here we find this; that our vocation, in Christ, is to treat everyone with equal dignity; women, foreigners, the poor, the stranger. Not as "them"; not as objects for our use, pleasure or benefit; not as inferior, objects of pity or scorn. To be "in Christ" is to inhabit the world as Jesus does.

Worship and Activities this week

Sun	12.30pm Baptism of Elliot Francis Moore 5.00pm Office Hour 6.30pm Evensong
Mon	9.30am Morning Prayer 1.00pm "In-house" @ House on t'Rock
Tues	1.00pm Mothers Union Afternoon Tea
Wed	11.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Tiddlers @ Church House 12.45pm Holy Communion
Fri	8.00am Dustbusters 9.30am Morning Prayer 12.30pm Lunchtime Concerts resume on 6th September 2.00pm Wedding Blessing of Bethany Weatherall and Harry Postons-Cowan 7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am Morning Prayer

Next Week : 8th Sunday after Trinity 11 August 2019

8.00am Said Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist and welcome of Baptism Candidates followed by coffee in the Blackburne Hall
12 noon Parish Lunch in Blackburne Hall
5.00pm Office Hour
6.30pm Evensong

Baptisms & Weddings.

Speak to any of the clergy after the service. Our monthly Parish Magazine has a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the inside of the back page. For inclusion on the weekly pew sheet: please email: bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk by Wednesday.

7th Sunday after Trinity

4th August 2019

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We welcome you and hope you enjoy being with us. If you're not familiar with our services, don't worry. We follow a written order of service and at times will tell you which page we're on.

We also welcome children in church. If your child gets restive in church, don't be afraid to get up and move around if this helps. There is a toilet at the back of church.

There is a **Hearing Loop** for those who would value it.



8.00am Said Holy Communion
7th Sunday after Trinity (Pg. 167)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Sheila Beattie. Curate
Hymns : 152, 448, 466, 283, 530
Anthem : Richard Farrant :
Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake
Edward Elgar : Ave verum, corpus

6.30pm Evensong
Minister: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching: Rhiannon Jones, Assoc R'tr
Hymns: 556, 195, 10
Psalm 107. 1-12 (Pg.486)
Genesis 50. 4-end (Pg.44)
1 Corinthians 14. 1-9 (pg. 964)
Anthem : Edward Bairstow :
Save us, O Lord

Cornerstone

Serving Bury, deepening our faith, caring for the marginalised, sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Today's Readings

The Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 3.1-11)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 12.13-21)

Glory to You, O Lord

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place



to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

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An Evening with Nadia Bolz-Weber

Manchester Cathedral **20 August 7pm**

Former Stand-up comic, recovering alcoholic, explores the patriarchy, sex and power. Intrigued? Book via M/cr Cathedral website.

Food Bank Donations—new items

We are so grateful for all who bring food for the Food Bank. Following a recent conversation, the topic of 'Period Poverty' come up. So, if you could include appropriate items, health related, including all toiletries, that would be great. Thanks in advance.

Adult Sunday School

Gathers at the Robert Peel on **Sunday 18th August** at 8.45am. If you've not joined us before, do come. We drink coffee/tea, or maybe breakfast too, and will indulge in in discussion— Nourishment for the body and soul.

Parish Magazine for August

Our bumper August magazine is available at the back of church for 50p. Read many interesting articles, including Sheila writing about her Ordination.

Parish Lunch

11th August at 12 Noon (£4.00 plus donation towards the choir camp at the end of August. Tickets from churchwardens.

